

## **AGENDA ITEM VII A**

### **TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

#### **REPORT BY REGENT HENRY ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES SINCE JUNE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

##### **STAFF COMMENT**

Since the June meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the major following teacher education/Blue Ribbon Commission activities have occurred:

- ! A Subcommittee of the Blue Ribbon Commission Planning Committee met on July 6 to begin developing plans for implementation of an electronic recruitment center.
- ! A team of 8 persons represented Louisiana at the annual State Systems k-16 Summer 2000 Meeting, sponsored by the National Association of Systems Heads in Park City Utah August 26 - 29. The primary purpose of the meeting was to strengthen partnerships between K-12 and higher education. The team was composed of Frances Henry, Carolyn Hargrave, Carroll Falcon, Dan Fogel, Carol Whelan, Sheila Talamo, and Kathleen Severns. Excellent presentations were made by Tony Carnevale, Labor Economist and VP of ETS on *National Labor Market Data - the Importance of Core Academic Skills and Degrees* and by Katic Haycock, President of the Education Trust, on *What we Expect - and Get: High School Achievement in America*.
- ! The Blue Ribbon Commission Planning Committee met on August 2 to begin developing plans for the Blue Ribbon Commission Year Two activities. The primary foci of Year 2 will be leadership training and professional development. The Blue Ribbon Commission will be chaired this year by Glenny Lee Buquet, Chair of BESE, and co-chaired by Frances Henry.
- ! A subcommittee on the Teacher Preparation Accountability System met with Dr. Rich Hill, a consulting statistician, to begin implementation of the system recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission. A second meeting with Dr. Hill is scheduled for August 29. Further recommendations will be made to the Blue Ribbon Commission at the next meeting on September 21.